

The Pocahontas Times,

Hear, Land o' Lakes and brother Scots;
From Maidenhair to Johnny Groot,
If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rate ye to it;
A chiel amang you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll print it. —Bugs.

Local Events.

Miss Mary McLaughlin has returned from school at Huntington.

The first coal famine in Marlinton came to a happy termination last Monday.

Mr and Mrs Nickell and little son spent a few days at Huntington this week.

C. D. Gillespie has sold his drug store to H. J. Wale, Jr., of Louis Court House, Va.

A very busy and important session of the circuit court is anticipated for the April term.

Rev Atkinson preached his valedictory sermon for the conference year last Sunday afternoon.

The post office is now in a room fronting on the R. R. Avenue and is much more convenient of access.

We are hustlers. Nothing succeeds like success. Read our ad.—The Pocahontas Bargain House.

Mrs C. A. Kincaid by mistake took an overdose of acetone and came near dying from the effects.

C. L. Harvey's hotel will be opened for the accommodation of the public on Friday, March 13th.

The wind blew at the rate of 49 miles an hour, Monday night, causing quite a disturbance in the town.

Miss Edna Buzzard, after two years absence to Bennett, Iowa, has returned to her home near Marlinton.

Just received by E. McLaughlin & Co. five carloads of hay and grain. Furnish any body any where any amount.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Alie Yeager in her prolonged affliction. She may go to some city for expert medical treatment.

J. C. Loury, of Marlinton, agent for Duguid Bros., whole sale grocers, Lynchburg, Va., was in Marlinton Monday on business.

Notice: "I will be prepared to keep entertainment for men and their horses during court, or at any other time." MARVIN CARTER.

Mrs William Criser was seized last Friday night by sudden excruciating paroxysms of pain, and for some hours her life seemed in peril.

The books and accounts of D. T. McNeil, Dec'd, will be in my office at Marlinton during April Court. All accounts must be settled by that time.—N. C. MCNEIL, Administrator.

We have just received a lot of fresh clover and timothy seed from Chicago, also a fine line of furniture at special low prices. Good grade oil cloth 15¢ per yd.—The Golden Store.

Rev Boggs performed the voluntary service for his charge Sunday morning. Presiding Elder Hutchinson preached Sunday night and attended to the last round of quarterly meeting duties during his visitation.

TWO ITALIANS DROWNED.

Accident on the River at the Harper Place.

Two Italians by the name of Rossi and Raffi were drowned in the "Deep Hole" at the Harper Place last Sunday, at 2 p. m. The Italian's belonged to D. Morelli's force, which is getting out ballast material at the Edray Siding, and three of them went to Jasper Friel's house to buy eggs.

When they left Mr Friel warned them to be careful as the water was up and the boat was a very small affair capable of holding, with anything like safety, only two persons.

They all got in the boat and had barely got started when they dipped some water. When about the middle of the river where the water is very deep, Mr Friel's daughter told her father that the boat had upset and all were in the water. He ran out in time to see their hands above the water. Ulysses Johnson's boat was locked nearby and Mr Friel ran to it and cut the limbs to which it was tied.

By that time one of the men, the only one who could swim, had reached the shore. All the trace that was left of the others was that Marlin's Bottom was thrown to Edray.

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They were requested to open an office here, and authorize some agent to sell lots to any one who would comply with the terms.

Also to take up the question of water works for the town. Also what inducements the company would offer to industries here. A request was made for maps of the town plat, and Col. McGraw, the President of the company, was invited to meet the Board of Trade at his earliest convenience.

The question of the West Virginia Fish Hatchery was taken up and L. M. McMillin, N. C. McNeil and B. M. Yeager were appointed a committee to do what they could to secure it for this county.

Mrs Mattie Poage, of Posage's Lane, was visiting her friends and relatives in Marlinton last week. A touching baptismal service occurred at Infronton's cottage when her little daughter, Sallie Noble, was dedicated to God's service by baptism, late Saturday afternoon.

Friends, Look This Way:—To the kind people knowing themselves indebted to S. J. Boggs & Co. please come and settle your account between this and the 25th of March 1901. S. J. Boggs is at Dayton, Va. sick and I am compelled to collect close to meet the indebtedness of the firm; by so doing you will greatly oblige.

Mrs S. J. Boggs.

At the fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. Church South held at Marlinton March 11th, 1901, the following officers were elected for the ensuing conference year: Stevens, W. H. Gross, E. A. Friel, J. C. Loury, R. C. Shrader, J. C. Harper, I. B. Moore, P. M. Harper, John Waugh, Geo. S. Taylor, C. A. Yeager, Thos. Courtney, S. S. Superintendent, J. H. Patterson, R. C. Shrader, J. C. Loury, P. M. Harper, J. C. Harper, Geo. S. Taylor, J. C. G. Gilbert, J. C. Loury, Sec.

The City Restaurant.

Mayor King and Prosecutor McNeil were over the City Restaurant again last week. A few weeks ago T. E. Chilton and Ernest Armstrong were put under bond for violation of the revenue laws. Armstrong left the county but Chilton remained. A young man by the name of Bert came here and in a few days a warrant was issued out for him. He got wind of that it is so hard to buy land here as it is at present.

Driving Begins.

Rain fell Saturday and Sunday night there were violent thunder storms, loud claps of thunder and a heavy downpour of rain. Monday morning there was a good tide in the river and creek.

Smith & Whiting brought their cars back from Roanoke on the 2nd, and Captain John Peters is building them at the Gay Eddy this week.

S. B. Scott, Jr., appeared as counsel in his behalf and asked to have some witnesses summoned. One of the witnesses turned out to be Mayor King himself. His honor remarked that he couldn't work that off on him. The arrest was made on Friday and the case was continued. On Saturday a large and expectant crowd was disappointed by the defendant waiving examination. Bonds in the penalty of \$100 and \$500 were required and defendant was committed to jail until they should be given.

BIG RAILROAD DEAL.

Huntersville Captures Three Miles of Railroad.

Huntersville District swooped down last Wednesday and forvibly took three miles of good railroad.

The county court had about wound up its business for the March term, and some one toughed a match to a mine by mentioning this proposed change in the district lines of Huntersville and Edray districts.

The notice was given last spring and it was then regarded as a casus beli by the Edray district. It has been continually from term to term until culminated last week in Edray changing places with Huntersville in regard to railroad mileage.

In the old days the river was the line. There were four families on Marlin's Bottom who either wanted a schoolhouse or to be transplanted to the Edray district so that they could go to school across the river. Marlinton was then the county seat, and we Marlin's Bottom people used to speak of it as "town." The line was changed so that that Marlin's Bottom was thrown to Edray.

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